Lovely Strange Dark

ULTRABAROQUE DEPROGRAMMER

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CHAPTER 3

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CHAPTER 3 COMMAND MELODY 1
Pshuu
It's all over.
This time it's really all over—

GET IT TOGETHER!
WAKE UP!
SWOOP
...UP!
HERE'S A TOWEL! IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING!
DON'T BREATHE IN THE GAS!
...WHY...
I WENT AND GRABBED THIS OLD LADDER FROM THE LOWER LEVEL.
THE DOOR'S LOCKED, SO THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT.

PUT ON THOSE SHOES. THEY'RE YOURS!
NO, I MEAN...
WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME?
I'M
YOUR LINCOLN, AREN'T I?
AND IF WE GO BY YOUR PROPHECY,
ONE DAY YOU'LL BE MY MOSES.

...WELL, NOT LIKE I'VE EVER SEEN THE REAL ONE.
Earlier.
You really did seem like Moses for a second there.
BUT—
That was just me rambling. I was only trying to keep you around a bit longer.
THINK
THINK
YOU'RE A DEPROGRAM-MER! DON'T YOU GET WHAT THIS MEANS!?

IT'S ABOUT YOU!
I BET IT'S THE GUYS WHO CRASHED YOU! THEY MUST'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU THIS WHOLE TIME!
AND NOW THAT YOU'VE WOKEN UP, THEY'RE TRYING TO PUT YOU BACK TO SLEEP!

Crack
Crash
LET'S GO!

I'll——
also believe in my prophecy.
YES, I AM THE IMPRISONED PRINCE!
LET'S EMBARK ON A JOURNEY FOR REVENGE
I'LL GO BRAVELY WITH MY SON,
CARRYING WORDS AS OUR SWORDS AND SHIELDS!
MAYBE JUST SHUT UP AND CLIMB FOR NOW?

CAPTURE HIM BEFORE THEY GET OUT OF THE WOODS.
THE BOSS LIKES 'EM HALF-DEAD, AFTER ALL
THE THAI EXCHANGE STUDENT IS HELPING HIM.
LEAVE THE KID ALONE.
THEY'RE EASILY MANIPULATED AT THAT AGE.
DON'T KILL HIM.
WE'LL GO AFTER HIM.
THOUGH THE NURSE SAID THEY WERE TAKING YOU FOR A WALK EVERY DAY.
HUH?
HOW OLD IS SHE?
WELL, YOU HAVE BEEN LAID UP ALL THIS TIME.
WHAT IS THIS?
WHY'RE MY LEGS SO WEAK?
haa
haa
haa
haaa
haaa

THIS IS NO TIME TO SULK!
BASICALLY WONDERING IF THE NURSE IS A HOTTIE
HE'S A GUY.
SWIP!
?
?
wobble
SORACHAI, EVACUATE THROUGH GATE E.
THAT'S RIGHT, BEFORE
THAT VOICE WAS DISTORTED BY THE SPEAKER. I WONDER WHO IT WAS...

IT SEEMED LIKE HE KNEW ME.
...I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?
Stomp Stomp

?
SORACHAI?
!!
ざわ
THAT GUY!
HE'S THE PATIENT FROM THE SPECIAL CARE ROOM!

RUSTLE
tap
tap
HEY WAIT, SORA!
YOU TAKE THE LEAD.
I DON'T KNOW THE WAY OUT OF HERE
LOOKS LIKE THE HOSPITAL IS ON A GIANT PLOT OF LAND.
THIS IS A CITY? THE CAPITAL?

! SORA-CHAI!
I CAN'T..
HUH?
HUH?
MY EYELIDS WON'T EVEN LISTEN TO ME..
WHAT?
That's right, the gas. It's hitting him harder than me.
Of course, he's still a kid.

I CAN'T.. KEEP GOING..
Slide...
IT'S... GAME OVER...
Slide...
RUSTLE
—— NO, NOT YET.
RUSTLE
LISTEN UP, SORA!
grab
flop

IF YOU GET THE WRONG IDEA IN YOUR HEAD,
AND IT TRIPS YOU UP, YOU'RE DONE FOR.
WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT, SORACHI!
IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD!
IT'S WHEN YOU GIVE UP THAT THINGS ARE REALLY OVER!
JUMP!
THAT'S HOW WE DEPROGRAMMERS THINK!
IDEAS ARE THE VERY FABRIC THAT PEOPLE ARE MADE OF.
Push

WE'LL GET PAST THIS IDEA!
WE HAVE A FUTURE!

tap
tap
tap
IT'S NOT MY PREF-ERENCE,
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH A SPEED WASH
I WANT YOU TO GO BACK TO WORK WITH A SMILE ON YOUR FACE
MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SHORT TEMPERS
SORRY WE WERE SO ROUGH WITH YOU.

TH... THANKS! LET ME GO!
HUH?
haa
haa
haa
AH...
SO THE NEXT TIME YOU OPEN YOUR EYES,
YOU WON'T REMEMBER A THING ABOUT ME.
...SORRY.
I'M EMBARRASSED THAT I JUST GAVE UP...
—ISN'T THAT HOW YOU PUT IDEAS INTO YOUR HEAD?
..DID I DO IT RIGHT?
WE'RE GONNA BEAT THIS PLACE FOR SURE!
WE'RE GONNA SURVIVE FOR SURE!

Eeeek!
WHA
AAA
AAT!?
NO WAY, A GUN!?
YEAH! GOOD JOB!
PANS

THIS IS JUST LIKE A B MOVIE!
YOU SOUND LIKE A COMPLETE IDIOT!
That guy in black can hear you!